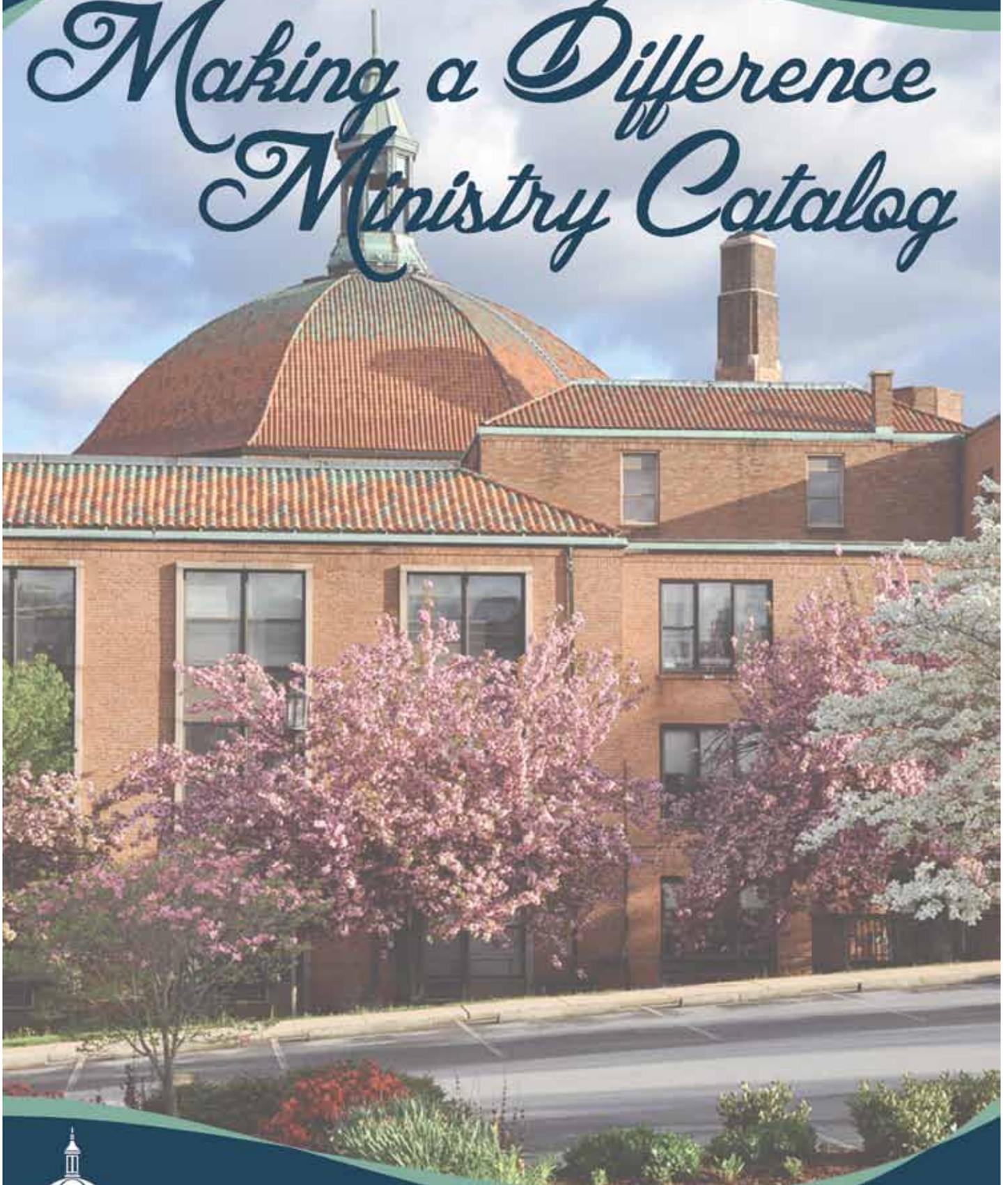


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Making a Difference Ministry Catalog



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Are you searching for a place to make a difference?

This ministry catalog outlines a variety of opportunities in which you can make a difference through the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church of Asheville.

As followers of Jesus, we are each called to make a difference in our community, our church, and our world. As God's children, we are deeply loved by God, and we are uniquely gifted with abilities and styles of leadership that we possess by God's Spirit to live out our calling.

Passion is also an integral part of our calling. What gives you energy? What do you care about deeply? Passion is the fuel of the Spirit.

But calling is not just about us. It is about making a difference in the lives of others. As Frederick Buechner once wrote, calling "is where our great gladness (passion) meets the world's greatest need." Theresa of Avila put it this way: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on the world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Jesus makes a difference in us, and he invites us to join him in making a difference in the world. Making a difference is the way to make Jesus known, and it's also the way to a life worth living.

We invite you to join us as we experience the difference Jesus can make in our lives and join him in making a difference for our neighbors, our church, and our world.

How to use this ministry catalog:

- Consider your passion for ministry. What gives you energy? What do you care about most? Is it children? Youth? Adults? Missions? In the table of contents, look for the mission or ministry area that interests you, and go to that page.
- Think about how much time you are willing and able to give. Maybe 15 minutes each week is what you can offer. Maybe it is an entire week. Maybe it is simply a one-time event. On the mission or ministry area page, there is a brief overview that lists opportunities and the time required.
- Following the overview pages, there are more detailed descriptions of the opportunities to make a difference in that area, including the qualifications, preparation, and time requirements. There is also contact information for the person responsible for the ministry opportunity.
- As you discover ways you might use your giftedness and your energy to make a difference, call or email the contact person to volunteer.
- If you are looking for something you cannot find in these pages, please contact one of the ministerial staff and let them know how you want to be more involved.

This ministry catalog will be updated regularly.

Come back to this resource often and discover new ways you can make a difference!

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Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Ministry Opportunities

There are many opportunities to get involved in children's ministry, whether you have 15 minutes or 15 hours or an entire week. Maybe you enjoy working with kids directly or maybe you prefer behind the scenes. See what opportunities fit your gifts, your passion, and your schedule.

Do you have . . .

15 minutes a month?

15 minutes a week?

1 hour per year?

5 hours per year?

10-15 hours per year?

1-2 hours a month?

1-2 hours a week?

One week a year?

Then you could . . .

Address birthday cards for children

Deliver Preschool Snacks on Sunday mornings
Lead/Assist with Kidz Connect

Tell your story to a child during CenterPeace

Lead/Assist with a FaithQuest Workshop
Volunteer with the Fall Family Festival
Volunteer for Worship Care

Assist with Explorer Day Camp

Join a Special Events Team

Shepherd in FaithQuest

Join the Preschool Sunday School Team

Chaperone MEGA Camp
Volunteer with VBS

Address Birthday Cards for Children

Each month, the children's ministry signs and sends birthday cards to the children in our church. If you are looking for a simple way to help send joy to children at a special time in their lives, we need people to address birthday cards and prepare them for mailing.

Time Commitment: About 15 minutes for each month.

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Legible handwriting

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Deliver Snacks for Preschool Classrooms on Sunday mornings

Preschoolers receive snacks during Sunday School each week. Because teachers are involved in leading the children, we need faithful volunteers to prepare and deliver the snacks to these classrooms each week.

Time Commitment: About 15 minutes each week.

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Love of preschoolers and faithfulness to doing the small things well.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Bree Welmaker at bwelmaker@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Kidz Connect Leader or Assistant Leader

Kidz Connect is our Sunday morning assembly for children in grades 1-5, from 9:35 – 9:45 a.m. This volunteer opportunity would involve preparing the area for the children, setting out snacks, welcoming children as they arrive and leading a brief moment of introduction and discussion on the theme for the day or the season of the church year.

Time Commitment: About 15 minutes each month.

Preparation Required: Discussing the themes with Lynnette Sills, planning for the introduction and discussion, and implementing the gathering on Sunday.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of children in grades 1-5, creative, cares for children, background safety check. Musical ability a plus, but not required.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Telling your story to children during CenterPeace

CenterPeace is our weekly music and mission education program for children. A few times each year, we invite older adults to tell their story to children and to listen to the stories of children. To participate in this opportunity, you simply would need to be present on a Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and ready to tell your story. The children enjoy hearing of times past and how older adults live their faith.

Time Commitment: About one hour on a scheduled Wednesday

Preparation Required: Thinking through your personal stories of faith and of times past that may be intriguing to children.

Qualifications: Comfortable being present with a small group of children in grades 1-5, creative, cares for children.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Faith Quest Workshop Leader or Assistant Leader

Plan and implement workshop lessons, for a six-week rotation, that provide each child (grades 1-5) with an opportunity to grow in their faith and to deepen their knowledge of the love of God. Through a workshop that matches your particular gifts and interests, you will interact with several different age levels of FaithQuest children. Workshops include Temple Time (Interactive Bible story), Creation Station (crafts), Stages of Faith (drama), Reel to Real (discussion around movie clips), Moved by the Spirit (music and creative expression), Games, Science, Computers, and Cooking.

Time Commitment: One hour per week (Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.). Workshop leaders will commit to one rotation, generally four to six weeks.

Preparation Required: Initial planning for the activity and room design of a couple of hours. Activity ideas are provided through the curriculum resources and need to be adapted for different age levels by the workshop leader. The same lesson is taught to a different age group each week. Weekly preparation is minimal after initial preparation and involves arriving before the children to make sure the room is set up and materials are ready.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of children, creative, cares for children, background safety check

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette James Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Fall Family Festival Volunteer

On October 31, our church holds a community Fall Family Festival to reach out to the families in our local community. Over a thousand people attend each year, so many volunteers are needed, including registration folks, game volunteers, concession cooks and servers, parking lot guides, decorators and more.

Time Commitment: One to 5 hours, depending on the responsibility.

Preparation Required: Depends on responsibility, but most volunteers need to be present from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. on the night of the event.

Qualifications: Welcoming and friendly to a diversity of people, cares for children, takes initiative, hard-working

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Spring Family Festival Volunteer

Every spring our church holds a community Spring Family Festival to reach out to the families in our local community. Volunteers are primarily needed to set up, blow up balloons, welcome and register those who attend the event.

Time Commitment: Two hours

Preparation Required: No preparation

Qualifications: Welcoming and friendly to a diversity of people, cares for children, takes initiative, hard-working

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Worship Care Volunteer

Each Sunday morning, we provide families with preschoolers the opportunity to care for their children while they attend worship. We need many adults, especially those without children in the home, to serve as a smiling face to welcome preschoolers and their families, to help them feel safe and secure, and to share with them about the love of Jesus.

Time Commitment: One and a half hours

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Welcoming and friendly, loves and cares for children, dedicated and faithful, passionate about welcoming young families to our church

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Bree Welmaker at bwelmaker@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Explorer Camp Assistant Leader

During the summer, we will have an opportunity for children who have finished first and second grades to have a summer day camp. This day camp will last one day, from approximately 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to chaperone the children on these trips and help with leading opportunities throughout the day.

Time Commitment: Eight - 10 hours

Preparation Required: Conversation with Lynnette Sills leading up to the event about what is needed.

Qualifications: Ability to hike, swim, and lead in children's outdoor activities. Cares for children and relates well to them, takes initiative, hard-working, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer

This summer, June 22-27, we will have our annual Vacation Bible School to reach out to the children in our church and community. We have about 200 children each day and need many volunteers to help, including story-tellers, snack leaders, age-group leaders, recreation leaders, craft leaders, and more.

Time Commitment: Four hours per day for one week, June 22-27 (For consistency, it is best to commit to the five days, Monday – Friday)

Preparation Required: Depends on responsibility

Qualifications: Welcoming and friendly to a diversity of families, loves and cares for children, takes initiative, hard-working, comfortable leading a group of children, background safety check

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Children's Summer Camp Leader/Chaperone

During the summer, we will have an opportunity for children who have finished third - sixth grades to have a four-day camp experience. Volunteers are needed to chaperone, lead Bible studies, and provide a positive role model for children.

Time Commitment: June 14-17

Preparation Required: Preparation needed based on area of leadership, in conversation with Lynnette Sills and Tommy Bratton.

Qualifications: Ability to hike, swim, and lead in children's outdoor activities. Cares for children and relates well to them, takes initiative, hard-working, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Faith Quest Shepherd

The FaithQuest Shepherd is the consistent person that an age-group sees each week. The Shepherd's responsibility is, among other things, to welcome children when they arrive to Kidz Connect each Sunday, escort them after Kidz Connect to their workshop room for the day, spend ten minutes catching up on their week, asking for prayer needs, having prayer, introducing them to the workshop teacher, and assisting in any way needed.

Time Commitment: About one hour per week (Sundays, 9:35 – 10:45 a.m.). Shepherds will commit to a year with a specific age-group from grades 1-5.

Preparation Required: Being on time and ready to welcome children. Possibly contact the workshop leader for the upcoming week to determine if they have any needs.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of children, creative, cares for children, background safety check. Teaching is not a skill needed, but encouragement is extremely valuable.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Preschool Sunday Morning Team

If you are interested in teaching or substitute teaching in the preschool Sunday School, you are welcome to join the team.

Time Commitment: One – two hours per week

Preparation Required: Conversation with Bree Welmaker about needs.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of preschool children, creative, cares for children, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Bree Welmaker at bwelmaker@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Join a Special Events Team

Many needs arise throughout the year when we have special events. If you are willing to be on a list to be contacted when a need arises, we would very much like to know.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Preparation Required: Depends on event

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of children, creative, cares for children, background safety check. Teaching is not a skill needed, but encouragement is extremely valuable.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Ministry Opportunities

Teenagers need a lot of support from the adults in their lives. As such, there are many opportunities for adults to plug in to provide fun, food, set-up, support, friendship, knowledge, and a godly example. The list below details some of these opportunities.

Do you have . . .

12 hours a quarter?

1-2 hours a week?

1-2 hours every two weeks?

3-4 hours a year?

One weekend a year?

One week a year?

Then you could . . .

Help prepare and serve Youth Snack Supper

Teach Bible Study, help in Koinonia leadership, or lead a Creative Arts Training group

Co-lead a mentoring group

Lead a monthly mission project

Help lead a weekend retreat

Help lead a mission trip or youth camp

Snack Supper Cook

Receiving training in how to prepare a specific meal; work with a team to prepare and serve that meal up to 4 times a year. Clean kitchen and dining room after youth eat. Supplies are provided.

Time Commitment: 2 hours up to four times a year (Sundays, 4:00-6:30 p.m.). Cooks commit to one year of service.

Preparation Required: First cooking opportunity is overseen by an "expert" who will help train new cooks. The food is already bought and in the kitchen.

Qualifications: Must be able to work with a team of other cooks, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Bible Study Teacher

Prepare and teach a lesson to a grade-divided class of students. Offer opportunities to learn, fellowship, and experience God. Classes are optimally taught by a team of teachers.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours each week (Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.). Teachers commit to one year of service.

Preparation Required: Studying for a lesson each week, compiling any necessary materials.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Koinonia Leader

Provide leadership in weekly Koinonia sessions through facilitating conversation, providing friendship and guidance to students.

Time Commitment: 1 hour each week (Sundays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.). Leaders commit to one year of service.

Preparation Required: None.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Creative Arts Leader

Provide leadership in weekly CAT sessions through teaching students about an art form and its potential connection to worship and faith.

Time Commitment: 1 hour each week (Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.). Leaders commit to one year of service.

Preparation Required: None.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Mentoring Group Leader

Provide leadership in weekly/bi-weekly meetings of a mentoring groups. Facilitate conversation, provide guidance and presence for students. Mentoring Groups are led by a team of adults.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours weekly/bi-weekly according to participant schedules. Leaders commit to one season of service.

Preparation Required: None.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Local Missions Leader

Provide leadership for a local missions project. Oversee student activity.

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours as indicated by project. Leaders commit to one session.

Preparation Required: Gathering supplies, if necessary.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Weekend Retreat Leader

Provide leadership for a weekend retreat through facilitating Bible study and conversation, providing friendship and guidance to students.

Time Commitment: One weekend per year. Leaders commit to one weekend.

Preparation Required: Preparing for Bible study.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Mission Trip Leader

Provide leadership on a mission trip. Teach students to use tools safely and understand their task. Provide friendship and guidance to students.

Time Commitment: One week per year.

Preparation Required: Gathering supplies, if necessary.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Youth Camp Leader

Provide leadership at youth camp through friendship and guidance.

Time Commitment: One week per year.

Preparation Required: None.

Qualifications: Comfortable leading a group of youth, creative, nurturing, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Volunteer Opportunities

College Ministry Opportunities

Keeping college students connected to our church is a challenge that requires a great deal of caring and imagination. Between reaching out to our local college students and staying in touch with our own college students, there is a lot to be done. Find a way to serve below.

Do you have . . .

10 minutes a month

1 hour a week

2 hours a month

1 weekend a year

1 week a year

Then you could . . .

Write a note to a student

Teach college Bible Study

Provide leadership with the College Lead Team

Provide leadership on a retreat

Provide leadership on a mission trip

Note Writer

Write a note to a college student to help them stay connected to our church.

Time Commitment: 10 minutes. No long-term commitment.

Preparation Required: None.

Qualifications: None

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Bible Study Teacher

Prepare and teach a lesson to college students. Offer opportunities to learn, fellowship, and experience God. Classes are optimally taught by a team of teachers.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours each week (Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.). Teachers commit to one year of service.

Preparation Required: Studying for a lesson each week, compiling any necessary materials.

Qualifications: Creative, nurturing, love for college-aged students, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

College Ministry Lead Team Member

Provide leadership and action to a Lead Team that works to strengthen college ministry to our own students as well as outreach to area students.

Time Commitment: 2 hours a month. Team members commit to 1 or more years of service.

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Creative, nurturing, love for college-aged students, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Weekend Retreat Leader

Provide leadership for a weekend retreat through facilitating Bible study and conversation, providing friendship and guidance to students.

Time Commitment: One weekend per year. Leaders commit to one weekend.

Preparation Required: Preparing for Bible study.

Qualifications: Creative, nurturing, love for college-aged students, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Mission Trip Leader

Provide leadership on a mission trip. Teach students to use tools safely and understand their task. Provide friendship and guidance to students.

Time Commitment: One week per year.

Preparation Required: Gathering supplies, if necessary.

Qualifications: Creative, nurturing, love for college-aged students, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday Morning Ministry Opportunities

On Sunday mornings, there are a multitude of volunteers that are crucial to making Bible study and worship happen. Each area depends on folks who are willing to go through a brief training and then be scheduled on a rotating basis with others.

Do you have . . .

30-45 minutes a month

30 minutes before worship service

1-1.5 hours as schedule

Varies

Rehearsed before worship and participates in worship as scheduled

2 hours on schedule Sunday

5 hours per week

5 hours per week

Then you could . . .

Greet folks as they arrive to church

Welcome and seat folks in the Sanctuary

Join the Video Broadcast Team

Operate sound for worship service and special events

Light candles, carry Bible during certain worship services

Read scripture in worship

Teach Bible Study

Facilitate a small group

Greeter

"When a guest comes, Christ comes." Hospitality is a celebrated Christian virtue. The first impression most people have of our church family, and maybe the Christian faith itself, is formed by how they are cared for and welcomed by those they meet. Faithful volunteers are always needed to be a welcoming presence as people enter the church on Sunday mornings.

Time Commitment: About 30-45 minutes on a scheduled Sunday each month

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Welcoming of a diversity of people, friendly, knowledgeable of our church's life and ministry.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Usher

Ushers are those who welcome people into the sanctuary, offering bulletins and helping with seating needs.

Time Commitment: About 30 minutes before each worship service as scheduled

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Welcoming of a diversity of people, friendly, knowledgeable of our church's life and ministry.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Video Broadcast Team

Each week, our 11:00 a.m. sanctuary worship is videotaped to be broadcast on the website and on Charter media. Volunteers are needed to run cameras, switch, and direct. Training is available.

Time Commitment: About one and a half hours each Sunday as scheduled.

Preparation Required: Training with Tommy Bratton or assigned broadcast team members.

Qualifications: Tech-savvy to some degree

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Cindy Hart at chart@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Sound System Operators

Sound operators are often needed for worship services or special events. Training is available.

Time Commitment: Variable

Preparation Required: Training with Tommy Bratton

Qualifications: Attentive to detail, ability to troubleshoot quickly

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Cindy Hart at chart@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Acolytes

Children in grades 1-6 are trained to light and extinguish the worship candles and carry the pulpit Bible during certain seasons of the church year.

Time Commitment: Rehearses before worship and participates in worship, as scheduled

Preparation Required: Rehearses before worship

Qualifications: Faithful participation in worship

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Liturgists (Scripture Readers)

Liturgist is a fancy word for those worship leaders who read scripture or litanies during the worship times.

Time Commitment: Participates in both worship services on scheduled Sunday

Preparation Required: Rehearses before worship

Qualifications: Faithful participation in worship

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Eddie Morgan at emorgan@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Teacher/Substitute

Often, teachers need a break from their regular schedule, and sometimes Bible study classes are in need of a regular teacher. If you are someone who enjoys studying scripture and discussing it with others, you may be interested in making a difference by leading a Bible study group.

Time Commitment: Two – four hours preparation, one hour on Sunday morning

Preparation Required: Studying scripture, exploring commentaries, preparing discussion

Qualifications: Faithful participation in worship

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Tommy Bratton at tbratton@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Small Group Facilitator

Small groups meet at a variety of times during the week, though most meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you are interested in leading a short-term group, such as Disciple, we would like to know. You may have a skill or interest that you would enjoy leading, or you may simply love to facilitate small groups.

Time Commitment: Two – four hours preparation, one hour or more in the small group time

Preparation Required: Studying and preparing discussion

Qualifications: Faithful participation in worship and Bible study

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Tommy Bratton at tbratton@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Volunteer Opportunities

Senior Adults Ministry Opportunities

There are many opportunities to get involved in Senior Adults ministry at First Baptist Church of Asheville. Maybe you enjoy working with people directly or maybe you prefer to work behind the scenes. See where your gifts, passion to care, and schedule fit with the ministry opportunities below.

Do you have . . .

4 hour a year

1 - 4 hours a month

1 hour a month

1 - 2 hours a week

3 hours a project

2 hours as needed

Then you could . . .

Share your story with children during *CenterPeace*.

Visit with a church member who is homebound or living in a Nursing Home or Assisted Living facility.

Call or send cards to those who are homebound or living in a facility.

Act as a Shepherd in your Bible Study Class.

Volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels.

Offer to be a substitute teacher for a Senior Adult Bible Study Class.

Telling your story to children during CenterPeace

CenterPeace is our weekly music and mission education program for children. A few times each year, we invite older adults to tell their story to children and to listen to the stories of children. To participate in this opportunity, you simply would need to be present on a Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and ready to tell your story. The children enjoy hearing of times past and how older adults live their faith.

Time Commitment: About one hour on a scheduled Wednesday

Preparation Required: Thinking through your personal stories of faith and of times past that may be intriguing to children.

Qualifications: Comfortable being present with a small group of children in grades 1-5, creative, cares for children, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Lynnette Sills at lsills@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Visit Members

Visit with a church member who is homebound or living in a Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility.

Time Commitment: About one to four hours a month.

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Leah Brown at lbrown@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Call or Send Cards

Call or send cards to those who is homebound or living in a Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility.

Time Commitment: One hour a month.

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Leah Brown at lbrown@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Bible Study Shepherd

The Shepherd is the consistent person that folks see each week. The Shepherd's responsibility is, among other things, to welcome folks as they arrive each Sunday, spend a few minutes catching up on their week, asking for prayer needs, having prayer, and assisting the teacher in any way needed.

Time Commitment: About one hour per week (Sundays, 9:35 – 10:45 a.m.)

Preparation Required: Being on time and ready to welcome folks.

Qualifications: None

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Tommy Bratton at tbratton@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Meals on Wheels

Packing and delivering lunch meals to folks in downtown Asheville. Family friendly and children are welcomed.

Time Commitment: 2 hours a quarter

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Colleen King at cking@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Substitute

Often, teachers need a break from their regular schedule. If you are someone who enjoys studying scripture and discussing it with others, you may be interested in making a difference by substituting in a Bible study group.

Time Commitment: Two – four hours preparation, one hour on Sunday morning

Preparation Required: Studying scripture, exploring commentaries, preparing discussion

Qualifications: Faithful participation in worship

Contact: If you are interested in this opportunity for ministry, contact Tommy Bratton at tbratton@fbca.net or by calling 828.252.4781.

Volunteer Opportunities

Recreation Ministry Opportunities

Recreation ministry is a great way to encourage others to take good care of their bodies as well as to provide outreach to our community. Look below for a way to serve.

Do you have . . .

6 hours a year

3 hours a month

3 hours a week

Then you could . . .

Help host the Annual Church Picnic

Host an open gym night

Run the concession stand during basketball season

Church Picnic Host

Help set up for the church picnic, organize food and games, clean up.

Time Commitment: 6 hours per year. Hosts commit to one year.

Preparation Required: Gathering supplies, if necessary.

Qualifications: Able to work with a team, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Open Gym Host

Provide leadership for a 3 hour open gym once a month. Help participants locate supplies, oversee usage of gym facility.

Time Commitment: 3 hours per month. Hosts commit to one month at a time.

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Comfortable in leadership position, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Concession Attendant

Help run the concession stand during Thursday night or Saturday morning basketball games.

Time Commitment: 3 hours per week, January-March. Attendants commit to one season.

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Friendly personality, background safety check.

Contact: If you are interested in serving in this regard, please contact Jenny Lee at jlee@fbca.net or by calling 252.4781.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mission Opportunities

Mission opportunities are a great way to grow in our faith by helping others. We become stronger by practicing mercy and justice.

Do you have . . .

2 hours a quarter

8 hours a quarter

2-10 hours semi-annually

3 times per month

1 hour quarterly

1 hour quarterly

2 hour quarterly

1 hour quarterly

4 days semi-annually

2 hours a month

1 hour a week

2 hours a month

Then you could . . .

Pack Food at MANNA Foodbank

Help Build Houses with Habitat for Humanity

Help with Room in the Inn

Serve lunch to homeless folks in our community

Help with Men's Breakfast

Helps with Women's Breakfast

Pack and deliver lunch with Meals on Wheels

Donate blood to American Red Cross

Disaster Relief/Recovery

Join a Hope to Home team
(helping the homeless move toward housing and jobs)

Clothes Closet

Community Garden (seasonal)

MANNA Foodbank

Package food for Kids Against Hunger and other needs. Family friendly and children are welcomed.

Time Commitment: 2 hours a quarter

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Leesa Brandon at leesab@charter.net or 776.0567.

Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity

Helping build safe, affordable housing in our community.

Time Commitment: 8 hours a quarter (one day 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Participants must be at least 16 years old.

Contact: Jim Worley at Jim@JHWorley.com or 713-3941.

Room In the Inn

Providing lodging, meals and fellowship for women in our community who are homeless. Help needed for meals, drivers, overnight hosts, and greeters.

Time Commitment: 2-10 hours semi-annually

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Brenda Denton at BBelle2001@gmail.com or 254.8650; Sandy Rumsey at sjfr402408@gmail.com or 337.1448; Peggy Henderson at gussie5@charter.net or 254.8699; or Heather Newton at newtonacl@bellsouth.net or 225.4136.

International Mission Trip

Partnering with CBF and Habitat International to provide medical, dental, or construction assistance in countries in or near Central America.

Time Commitment: One week annually

Preparation Required: 4-6 hours of training/prep meetings two to four weeks prior to trip

Qualifications: Professional in the needed field.

Contact: Eddie Morgan at emorgan@fbca.net or 252.4781.

Lunch at the Crossroads

Serving the people in our area who are homeless. Help needed to cook, serve, relate, pray, lead Bible Study, assist in the clothes closet and food pantry, and to host our after-lunch movie time.

Time Commitment: 3 times per month

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Everette Clark at ewjfclark@charter.net or 667.8078.

Meals on Wheels

Packing and delivering lunch meals to folks in downtown Asheville. Family friendly and children are welcomed.

Time Commitment: 2 hours a quarter (Saturday 10:00 a.m. - Noon)

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Laura Grover at 667.4898 or Kara Kelley at KaraLKelley@aol.com or 676.1254.

Blood Drive

Donate blood at a time of year when shortages are critical.

Time Commitment: 1 hour a quarter

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Must be 16 years of age.

Contact: Call the Red Cross at 258.8888, ext. 402, to schedule an appointment or watch for FBCA drives.

Disaster Relief/Recovery

Travel to sites in the southeast to assist with danger caused by natural disasters.

Time Commitment: 4 days semi-annually

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Jim Worley at Jim@JHWorley.com or 713-3941.

Community Garden

Help as needed in our half-acre garden at the Veteran's Restoration Quarters (VRQ) in Oteen.

Time Commitment: 2 - 4 hours a month (seasonal)

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Sign up by calling Dennis Hill at 335.6986 or Jan Denny at 645.8241.

Hope to Homes

Join a team to provide a support system for an individual or family in our community as they move from homelessness to permanent housing.

Time Commitment: 2 hours a month

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Everette Clark at ewjfclark@charter.net or 667.8078.

Clothes Closet

Fold/hang donated clothes in our church's clothes closet.

Time Commitment: 1 hour a week

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Resa Holt at 274.7047

Crossroads Afterschool Program

This is not a one-time volunteer ministry but an ongoing opportunity to provide tutoring, a meal, recreation, and faith development to 20 children in our community who are in danger of being homeless. We need caring, loving teachers.

Time Commitment: 3 hour a week

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: None

Contact: Everett Clark at 667.8078 or ewjfclark@charter.net

Church Office Volunteers

The church office is buzzing with activity so there are many opportunities for clerical work at varying skill levels. The time commitment is up to you, weekly or "on-call" for the larger projects. Examples of what an office volunteer may do: mailings, collating, copying, data entry, phone calls, stuffing bulletins, assembling notebooks, making name tags, laminating, making CD's, etc.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Preparation Required: None

Qualifications: Accuracy. Computer skills are not necessary but are helpful.

Contact: Coral Childrey at cchildrey@fbca.net



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